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1. While the Leipzig fair was not up to old standards, it was made into a fairly impressive show by a supreme effort that completely exhausted the people and facilities in the area. During the fair one could eat rather well and reasonably, particularly in view of the lively and highly favorable black market in US dollars. Immediately after the crowds had left at the end of the fair restaurants dropped back to very skimpy, simple meals and we could scarcely find a cup of coffee in all Leipzig.
2. My relatives tell me that since the 17 June 1953 riots people were speaking more openly and bitterly against the communist rule in east Germany. They estimate that in a really free election the communists would get almost no votes from people over 30 years of age. But the communist program among youth is apparently making considerable headway and bitterness against the US is being instilled into those too young to have known any other world than the one in which they now find themselves.
3. I saw no Russian soldiers, but there were Russian officials alongside the German officials in Leipzig. Statistics and other interesting information on the fair are given in the official "Final Bulletin" I brought back, and the quality of some of the exhibits is indicated by the illustrations and specifications shown in some of the other literature I picked up and retained.

[Available in CIA Library is a copy of the Final Bulletin of the 1954 Leipzig Fair and miscellaneous literature obtained there.]

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